

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 9-13, being directed to a non-elected invention.

Also, please cancel Claims 1, 2 and 8. Claims 1, 2 and 8 are not being cancelled because of the cited art, but just in order to place the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

1. Cancelled.

2. Cancelled.

3. (Presently Amended) [A boneless sliced meat product of claim 1,] A boneless sliced meat having its meat arranged in the form of a continuous spiral cut about an axis of the meat, the axis being created by the temporary insertion of a support member in the meat, wherein the depth of said cut is limited to leave an uncut core of meat, said core being of sufficient cross-section to cause the boneless sliced meat to retain its shape when the support member is removed, wherein the point of entry of the support member into the meat product defines a first end and the point of exit from the meat member of the support member defines a second end and wherein the meat is sliced to within [1 inch of] a range of 1/8 inch to 1 inch from said first and second ends.

4. (Presently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product of Claim [1] 3, [wherein the point of entry of the support member defines a first end and the point of exit of the support member defines a second end and] wherein the meat is sliced to within ½ of an inch of said first and second ends.

5. (Presently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product of Claim [1] 3, [wherein the point

of entry of the support member defines a first end and the point of exit of the support member defines a second end and] wherein the meat is sliced to within 1/4 of an inch of said first and second ends.

6. (Presently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product of Claim [1] 3, [wherein the point of entry of the support member defines a first end and the point of exit of the support member defines a second end and] wherein the meat is sliced to within 1/8 of an inch of said first and second ends.

7. (Presently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product of Claim [1] 3, [wherein the point of entry of the support member defines a first end and the point of exit of the support member defines a second end and] wherein the meat is sliced [from] to within [1/4 of an inch of to within] 1 inch of said first and second ends.

8. Cancelled.

9. Cancelled.

10. Cancelled.

11. Cancelled.

12. Cancelled.

13. Cancelled.